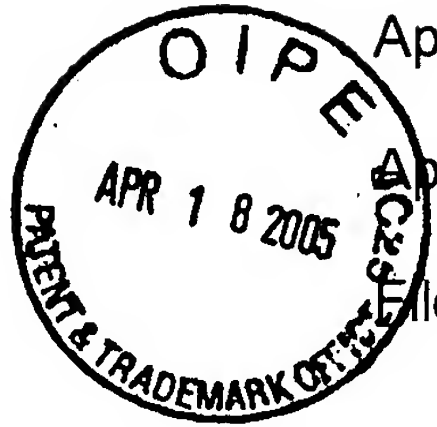


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Applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the following documents (1)-
(8) which were cited in a Japanese Office Action (a copy of which will be
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Japanese patent family member of U.S. Patent Application Publication No.
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(1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-023002, which was
published on January 21, 2000, together with an English language abstract of the
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- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-199019, which was published on August 4, 1995, together with an English language abstract of the same;
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- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-295050, which was published on November 10, 1995, together with an English language abstract of the same;
- (6) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-5849, which was published on January 10, 1997, together with an English language abstract of the same;
- (7) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. SHO 61-133933, which was published on June 21, 1986, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 4,841,323 to MINORU et al., which issued on June 20, 1989; and
- (8) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-114473, which was published on April 18, 2003, together with an English language abstract of the same.

With respect to documents (1)-(6) and (8), Applicant notes that English language translations are not currently available. However, such English language translations will be submitted as soon as they become available.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following documents which were cited in a United Kingdom Search Report that issued in United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB 0422629.6 on February 24, 2005:

(9) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2004-257555, which was published on September 16, 2004. Applicant notes that this Publication is a family member of U.S. Application Publication No. 2004/0042902, the application of which was previously identified in an Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of this Laid-Open Publication is thus not being submitted herewith.

However, if a copy of the same is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned;

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(11) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0141735 to NOMURA, which was published on July 22, 2004. Applicant notes that this document was previously brought to the Examiner's attention in an Information Disclosure Statement;

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(13) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0042776 to NOMURA, which was published on March 4, 2004. Applicant notes that this document was previously brought to the Examiner's attention in an Information Disclosure Statement;

(14) U.S. Patent No. 6,185,375 to KAZUO, which issued on February 6, 2001; and

(15) U.S. Patent No. 5,715,482 to WAKABAYASHI et al., which issued on February 3, 1998. Applicant notes that this document was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the United Examiner are set forth in the United Kingdom Search Report.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the documents (1)-(8) are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that a Request for Continued Examination is being submitted herewith. Thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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